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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation-in-part application of Appl. 09/719,003 filed on December 7, 2000. The present application is filed on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

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DETECTING TORQUE DEVICE, For: ROTATIONAL ANGLE

DETECTING DEVICE AND STEERING APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- 冈 A specification consisting of Four Hundred Eighty (480) pages
- 冈 One Hundred Fifty-Four (154) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- 冈 Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- 冈 Information Sheet
- Preliminary Amendment
- П Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

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| | An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration. | | | | | |
| | Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 | | | | | |
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- The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed Declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- A check in the amount of \$2,852.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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The above information is submitted to advise the U.S.P.T.O. of all relevant facts in connection with the present application.

A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow.

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